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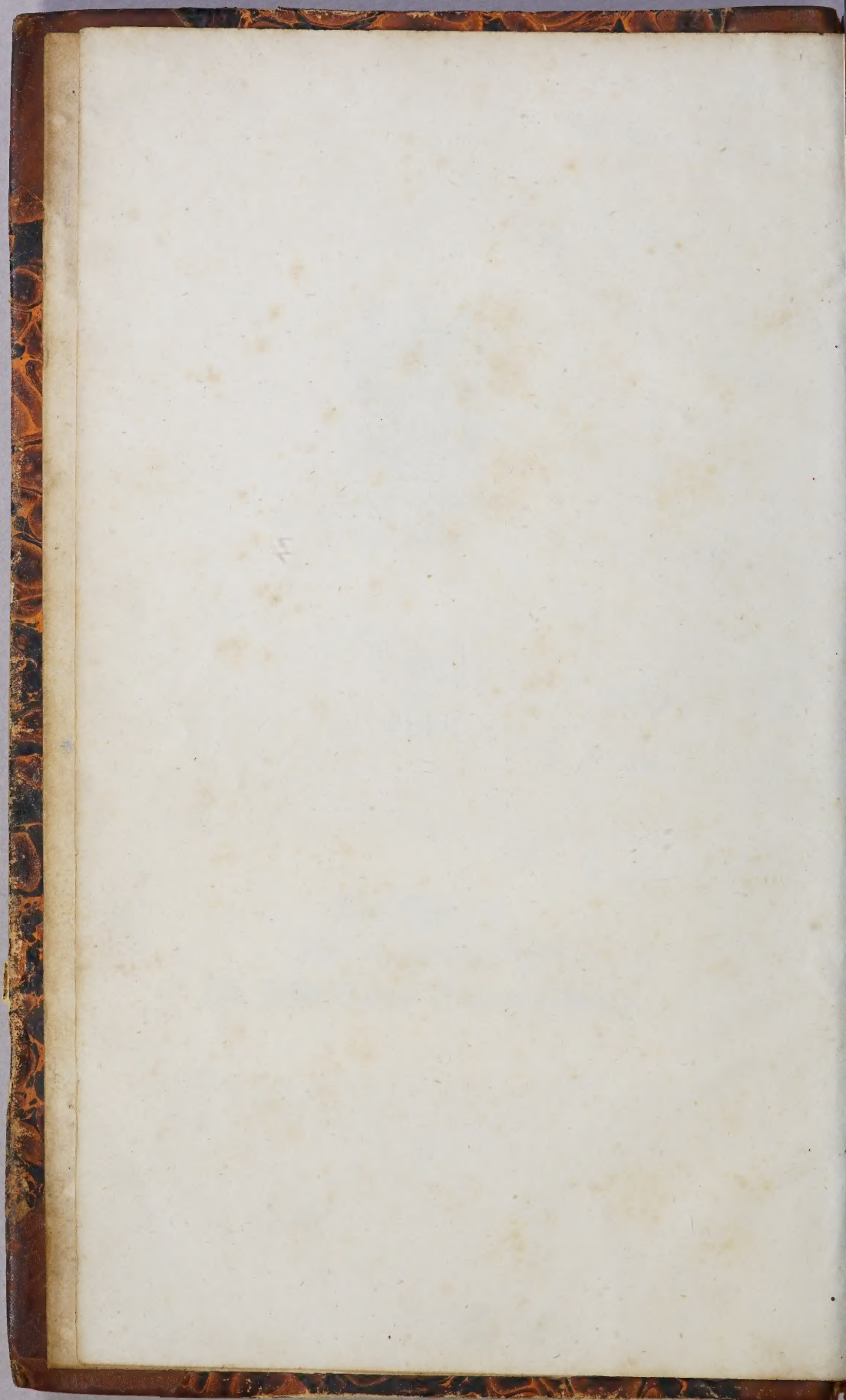
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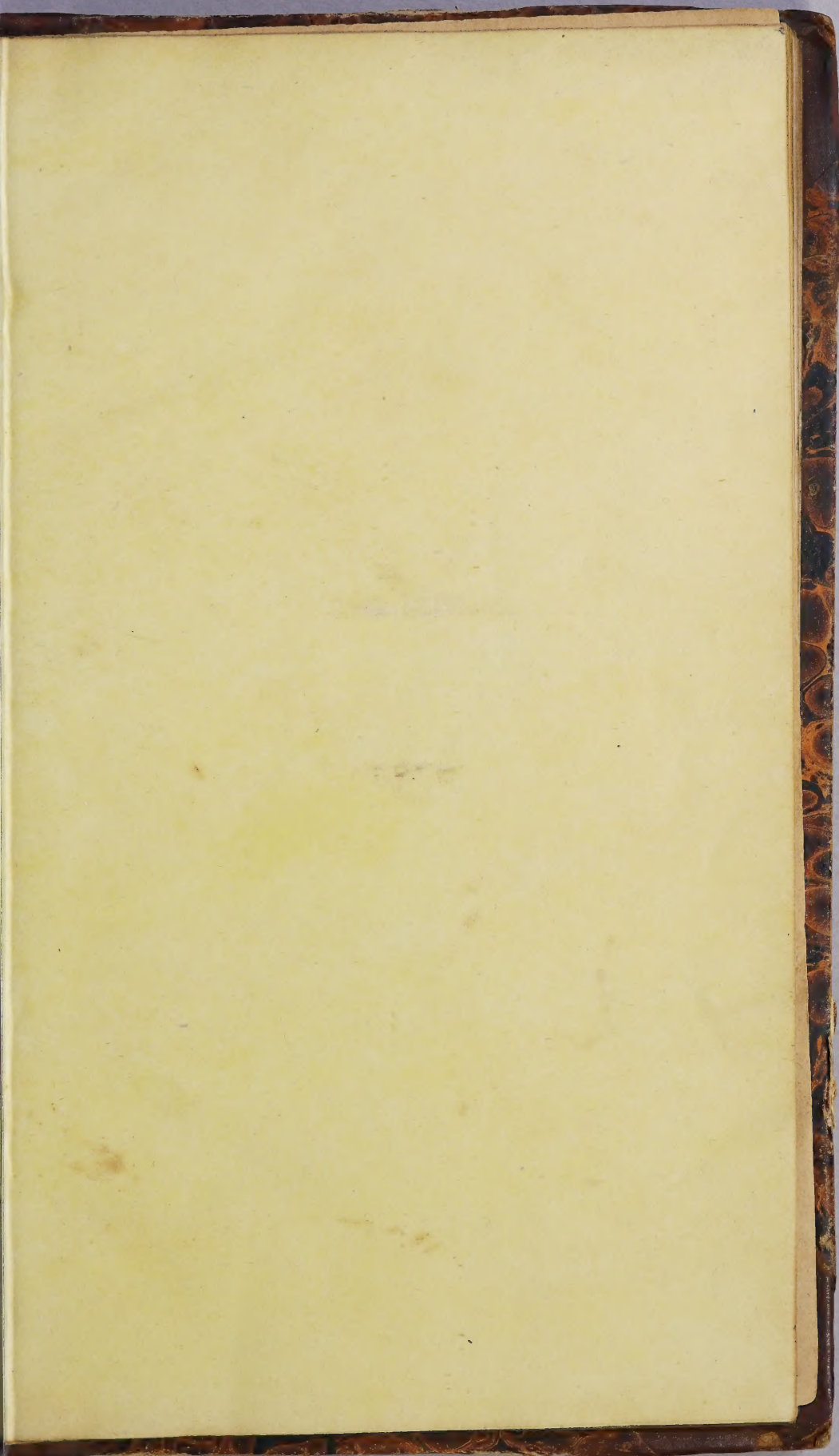
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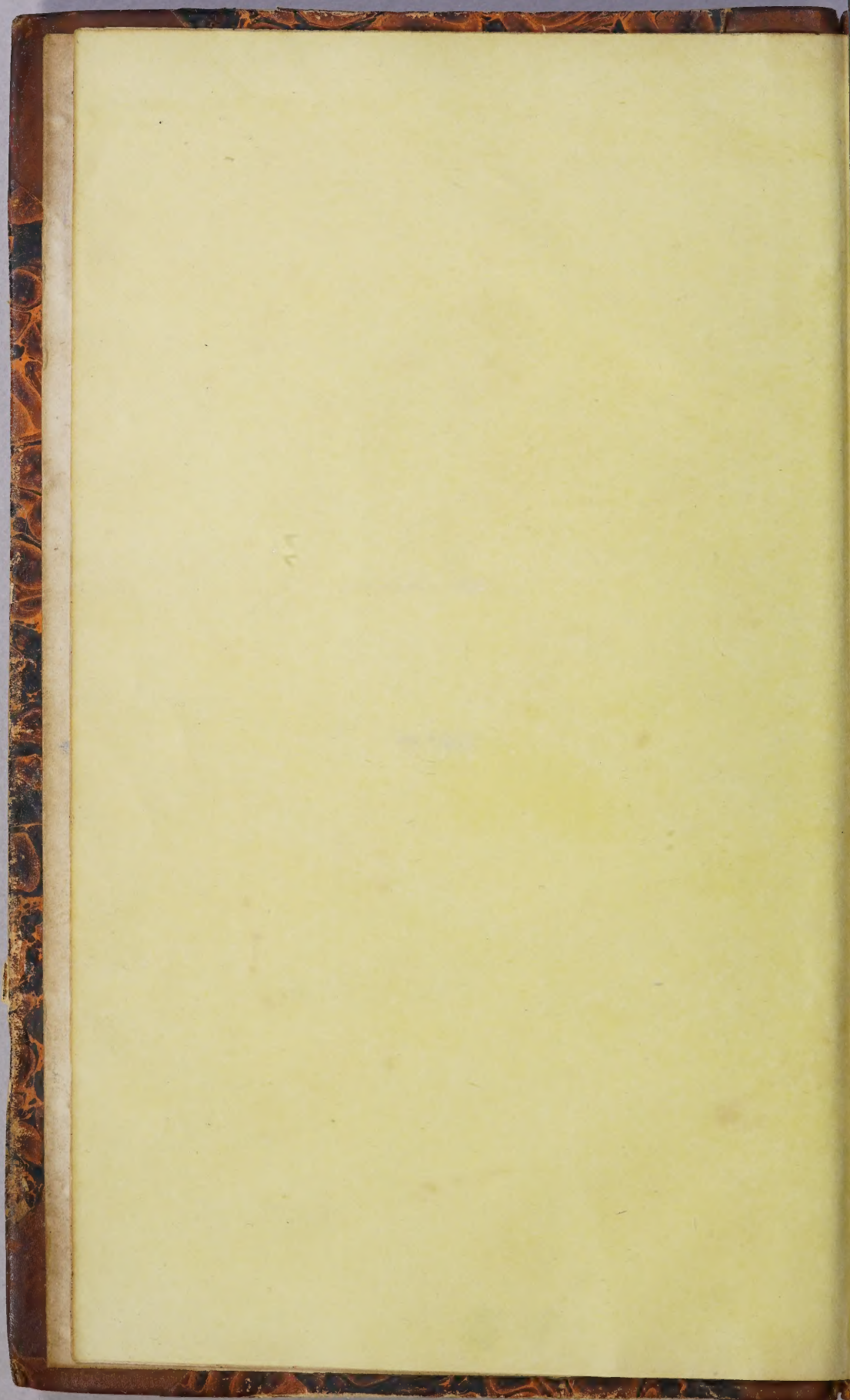
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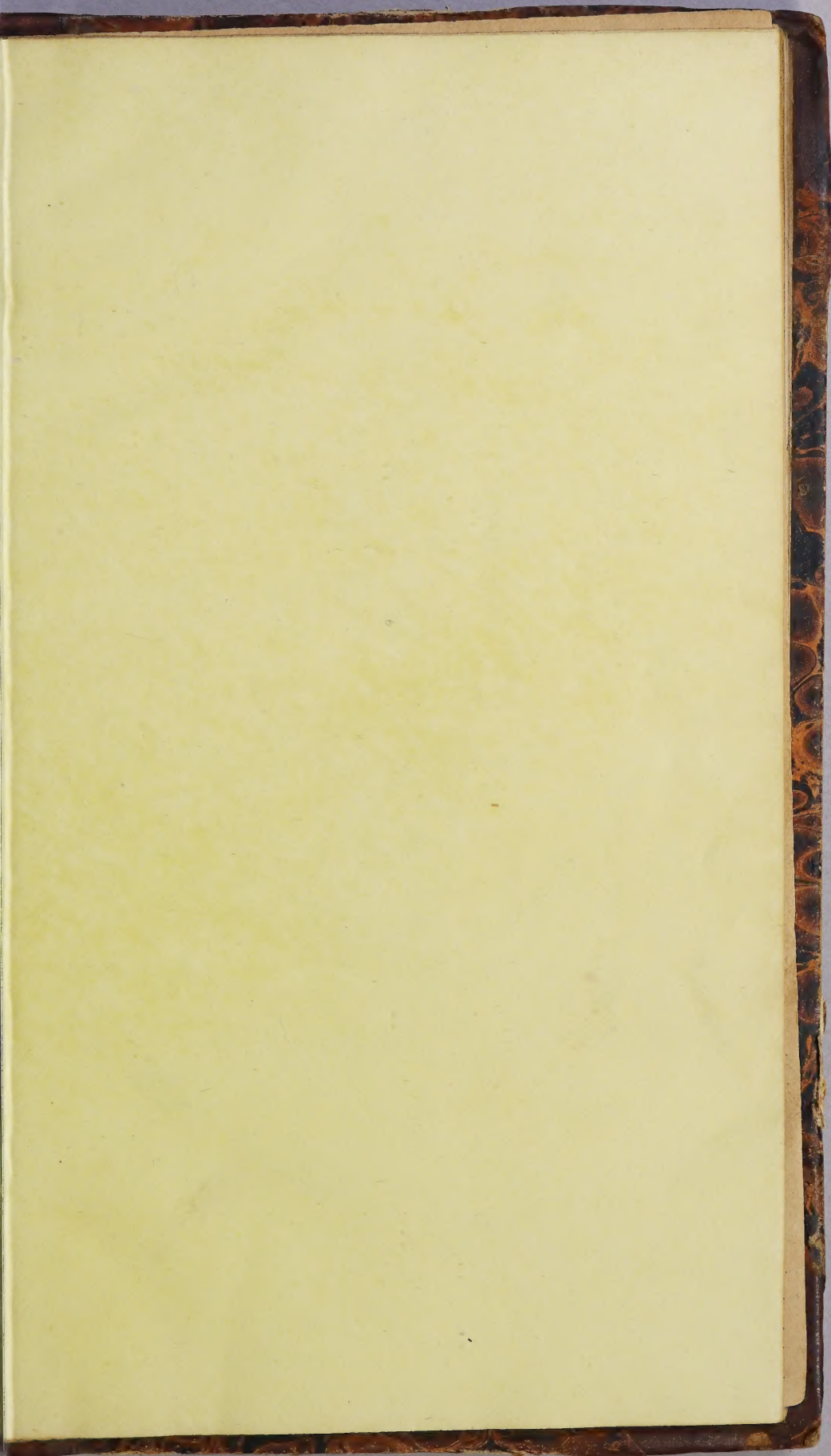
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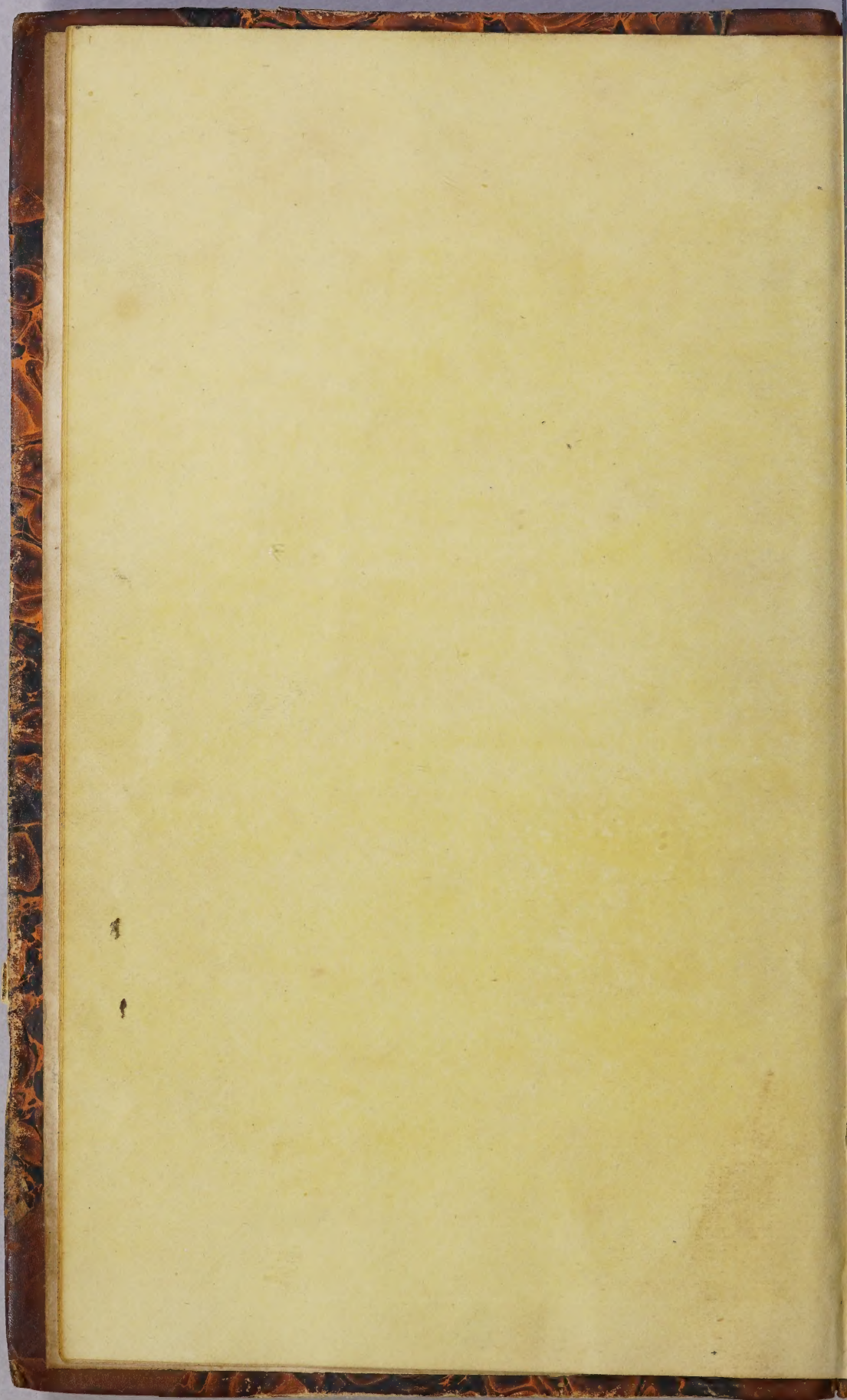
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From the Time of his being Taken, near

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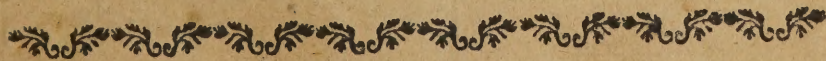
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And his Arrival at

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N June 24th, 1758, I received Orders at Fort *William-Henry*, to take a Detachment, of one Officer, two Serjeants, and eighteen Privates, to reconnoitre about three Leagues down *Lake-George*, to a Place call'd the N. W. Bay; In Pursuance thereto, about one a Clock next Morning, we got into two Whale Boats; Lieut. *Nathan Stone*, who was the other Officer, commanded one Whale Boat, and I the other. According to my Instructions, I set a Serjeant and three Privates on Shore, to go to *Ticonderoga*, to get a Prisoner if possible: The remainder of us then rowed to the East Side of the Lake, and there landed about Day-Light, on a small Island: As soon as I landed, I prepared a Party, of a Serjeant and three Privates, to go on Shore, in one of the Whale Boats, to reconnoitre as far as the South Bay; but no sooner was we prepared to go on Shore, than we were surrounded by four Birch Canoes, twenty French and Indians in each; they immediately call'd to us in English to surrender ourselves Prisoners of War, and we should receive good Quarters; I immediately look'd out, to see if it was possible for us to run our Whale Boats on the main Land, which was not more than sixty Yards from us, and the only Place we could make our Escape, where was a Number of the Enemy; they still calling, to know whether we would deliver ourselves up, if not, they would put every one to the Sword: Considering the bad Situation we were in, and surrounded with a vast superior

superior Number to encounter, and the Hazard of sacrificing my own Life, and the Lives of those under my Command, I surrender'd myself and Party Prisoners, (being eighteen in Number :) as soon as they had taken us, they bound each of us and carried us immediately to *Ticonderoga* ; where we all arriv'd the same Day (being the 25th of *June*,) Mr. *Stone* and I were immediately conducted to Monsi. *Burlamac*, Commandant of the Fort : He examined us very critically, relative to the Number and Situation of the English Army, where they then lay, and what their Design was : we answered as one, that we were Officers, and true loyal Subjects to his Majesty King *GEORGE* the Second ; therefore we utterly refus'd to give him any Account : He immediately told us, he would deliver us to the Indians, except we would give him an Account : We told him he might act his Pleasure ; but he would receive no Answer from us.

The Day following Mr. *Stone* and all the Party were carried off by the Indians. I remained at *Ticonderoga* till the first Day of *July*. During my Stay there, I was very courteously entertained, both by the Commandant and the Officers : I was then carried off in a large Battoe under the Protection of a French Officer, who treated me very complaisantly ; we arrived at *Montreal* the 4th Day of *July* ; upon my Arrival, I was conducted to Monsieur *Vaudreuil*, where I was very strictly examined, in the same Manner as before, and I gave the same Answers as I did before ; After my Examination, I was conducted to a Room in Town, to live with the Governor's Interpreter ; I was confin'd to my Room, except when the Interpreter walk'd out, he very often gave me Invitations to walk with him, which I very readily embrac'd : I tarried at *Montreal* till the 14th of *July*. I was then put on board a Sloop, with about thirty Prisoners more, (among whom was an Officer, belonging to Lord *Howe*'s Regiment) Having a very fine Gale of Wind, we all arrived

rived safe at *Quebec* the Day following, we were each of us immediately carried to Prison, where I was closely confin'd about eight Hours, the Officer that came from *Montreal*, and my self, were then taken out and put into seperate Lodgings: I was allowed a Room, and convenient Lodging: I had my Limits in Walking, but what gave very great Satisfaction, was, as there were a Number of Officers, then Prisoners, we were allowed to visit each other; I was allowed for my Expences, *Five Pence one Farthing* Sterling, per Day, which was a very small Subsistence, for every Thing was very extravagant: But they were very complaisant in giving Credit to the Officers who generally drew their Bills upon the worthy Col. SCHUYLER, who was a Prisoner with us some Time. But with great Reluctance he left us in *October 1758*; yet at the same Time we rejoic'd that so generous, hospitable, and benevolent a Gentleman was freed from a long Captivity.

After I had been at *Quebec* some Time, as I saw no Chance of being exchang'd, I was very thoughtful in contriving some Method for my Escape: the first Person I consulted, was Captain *Stobo*; who joyn'd very heartily in the Scheme: We had daily Consultations, and propos'd to communicate the Affair to Major *Putnam*, and Mr. *Stone*, who was the Officer taken Prisoner with me; accordingly we took the first Opportunity to inform them we were determin'd to make our Escape, and should be very glad of their Company: They very joyfully joyn'd with us, in undertaking so dangerous an Enterprize: After many Consultations, we unanimously resolv'd to make our Escape by Land, to some of the Forts on *Kennebec* River. The next Difficulty was to get Provisions and Stores. I was appointed by the Company to get every Thing that possibly I could, without making Discovery of our Intentions; but as Major *Putnam*, Mr. *Stone* and I liv'd together, I desir'd their Assistance, who very readily granted it. We prepared
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several Neats Tongues and some Hams. Capt. *Stobo* had got three Guns, and some Ammunition; but as every Thing almost was in Readiness, we receiv'd Intelligence that *Frontenac* was taken, and that a Number of Prisoners were to be exchang'd. This joyful News entirely disannul'd our Scheme: But in the Exchange, none was taken but Major *Putnam*, a Gentleman that we very much depended upon: His departure occasioned a new Consultation, and upon the whole, resolv'd on the first Result. The Arms, and what Stores we had provided, Mr. *Stone* and I took the Care of. I was very apprehensive, that our Stores were vastly too short, in Consequence thereof I prepared more Provisions, and Ammunition: I also got Indian Stockings, Knapfacks, Morgafons, and every Thing that was necessary for our intended Enterprize: And the Method I took to procure the above Articles, without any Discovery, was by *Elijah Denbo*, who was a Prisoner, and formerly a Servant to Capt. *Woodward* of the *Fersey's* I sent, him to different Places in the Town, to purchase Cloth; and when Night came on, Mr. *Stone* and I went very diligently to Work with our Needles, to make the Knapfacks, Morgafons, and Indian Stockings, till we had finished the whole: But no sooner had we prepar'd every Thing for our Departure, than we were very unexpectedly disappointed by a Snow, which fell about two Feet Deep; this was the Beginning of *November*: We then gave over all Thoughts of making our Escape before Winter was pass'd, and to make ourselves as contented as we could in an Enemy's Country.

The Guns we had prepared for our Departure, was the next Thing we took in Hand. in Order, to secure them, for our Escape in the Spring of the Year; we first laid them upon the Tester of the Bed, over where we Lodg'd, where they lay for some Time. But one Day
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our Landlady inform'd us she was going to take down the Tester of our Bed in Order to clean. We took our first Opportunity to convey them out of the Room, which was down Celler, among some Casks ; they had not been there but a few Days, before I heard our Landlady say, they must clean out the Celler. This gave us very great Anxiety, but we improv'd our first Opportunity and got them out of the Celler, and hid them among the Wood, where we thought them very secure ; but not long after, to my very great Surprize, our Landlady brought the three Guns into my Room, which she found in Search of a Goose which the Cat had stolen and carried into the Wood : As soon as she came into the Room, she immediately charg'd me with hiding the Guns in the Wood : I made very strange, and appear'd to her very much surpriz'd, and told her I very much wonder'd she should suspect me of having any Concern with Guns in an Enemy's Country. I also told her this was a Scheme of her own, to get me into Goal. This Discourse surpriz'd my Landlady, and she determined to go to the Governour, and inform him of the Affair ; but before we had finish'd our Discourse, Mr. *Stone* came into the Room, and saw the three Guns ; he immediately step'd back into the Kitchen, where *Denbo* was. Mr. *Stone* told *Denbo* to inform our Landlady that Capt. *Woodward* gave him them Guns, before he left *Quebec*, in Order to sell to get him some Money ; accordingly *Denbo* did. At the same Time he told the Landlady, if she would secure them, and sell them, she should be entitled to Part of the Money : which our Landlady very readily comply'd with. After we had settled this Misfortune, we secur'd the Remainder of our Things which we had prepared for our Escape. In *March* 1759, we projected a new Scheme to make our Escape down the River ; in the Prosecution of this Design, I accidentally met one *Oliver Lakin*, (who was a Prisoner with the Indians, but was allowed to

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come into Town to work, and get his own Living) and ask'd him, whether he had any Design to make his Escape? He told me that he and *Clark* with his Family, and two English Servants, one belonging to Major *Grant*, the other to Mr. *Roach*, had determin'd to make their Escape. I then examined him in what Way and Manner they propos'd to make their Escape; he told me they propos'd to cut away a Sloop, as several were then fitting out; I immediately acquainted Capt. *Stobo* and Mr. *Stone*, that the Persons before mentioned, had determined to make their Escape, and in what Manner. Capt. *Stobo* seem'd extreamly well pleased with the Scheme, but Mr. *Stone* was the reverse, fearing the Consequence of going by Water. I afterwards consulted no other Person but Capt. *Stobo*, who still remain'd resolute in the Affair, and upon the whole, we had fully resolved to join with them in cutting away a Sloop: not long after I acquainted *Lakin*, that I and two more, would undertake with them, but did not mention their Names for Fear of a Discovery; and at the same Time desir'd him to be very cautious, for our Enterprize was both dangerous and difficult; I also told him not to be concerned with Major *Grant*'s and Mr. *Roach*'s Servants, for as they were then Prisoners, would stand in great Want of them; which he very readily comply'd with: I then gave him Money to purchase five Arms, and some Ammunition: In pursuance of our Enterprize, I prepared every Thing necessary that I could procure without a Discovery, which was a few Tongues, Hams, Flower, and several other small Articles. While we were thus preparing for executing our Plan, fill'd with Expectation of leaving an Enemy's Country, we were greatly disappointed; for *Clark* came and inform'd me, that it was impossible for us to cut away a Sloop, for the French kept a constant Guard at the Wharff. I immediately inform'd Capt. *Stobo* of it: This being the second Time that our Schemes proved abortive, and

and almost put an End to all others. But I determin'd one Project more, which was if possible to get a Canoe. I soon after found *Lakin*, and asked him if he could procure a Canoe in order to make our Escape in; that he told me he believ'd he could, and would go immediately in Search: Upon his Return, he inform'd me he had found a very good one; I then sent what Stores I had provided, to *Clark's* (who liv'd in Quebec, under a Pretence of being a Deserter from the English) where *Lakin* had procur'd five Arms. I then ask'd Capt. *Stobo*, whether he would go with me, and acquainted him in what Manner, what Stores I had provided, and where they were. He answered me in the Affirmative. We then appointed the Night, which was the 30th of *April*: When the Night came, Capt. *Stobo*, *Elijah Denbo* and myself, set out from our Lodgings in Disguise, and went to *Clark's*, which was a little out of Town: when we came there we were inform'd that *Clark* and *Lakin* were gone after the Canoe; we waited with very great Impatience, till after Midnight, neither of them returning: We return'd to our Lodgings without any Discovery; but I left Word for *Lakin* to come to my Lodgings in the Morning: But at this Disappointment Capt. *Stobo* was very angry, and told me, he believed I should be the Instrument of leading him and all the Rest into a Snare. I made him no Answer, but waited with great Anxiety for *Lakin*; he came in the Morning, according to my Request, and inform'd me, the Canoe that he found, which was for our Voyage, was taken, and carried away. But he inform'd me he had got another, and had procur'd Paddles, which would be all ready that Night. I told him I would be at *Clark's*, and go with him: Not long after Capt. *Stobo* came to my Lodging, I inform'd him the Reasons of our Disappointment, but that every Thing would be ready to go that Night: He told me he had maturely consider'd the Matter, and the Enterprize was so difficult and dangerous, that he had resolv'd not to go.

I told him he might act his Pleasure, but I determin'd to at all Events. After he discover'd that I remain'd resolute in the Affair he soon chang'd his Mind and determin'd to go with me.

In the Evening I took *Denbo* and went to *Clark's*; when I came there, *Lakin* was gone after the Canoe, but he soon return'd, and inform'd us that he came over the River, in a small Canoe, and that the large one lay about two hundred Yards from the River: and that those Paddles, which he procur'd, were all taken away, except two. I immediately sent *Denbo* after Capt. *Stobo*, who soon return'd with him. I took *Denbo* with *Clark* and *Lakin*, and went over the River in the small Canoe, and bro't the large one down to the River, and then paddled over. We then went to *Clark's*, and got our Arms, Ammunition and Stores, and about Ten a Clock that Evening we embark'd in our Birch Canoe, in the River St. Charles, there being nine in Number, which were Capt. *Stobo*, *Lakin*, *Clark* and his Wife, with three Children, *Denbo* and myself. We then began our Enterprize, and that Night paddled down the River St. Lawrence to the Isle *Madame*, which is about seven Leagues below *Quebec*. We haul'd up our Canoe, and refresh'd ourselves, and then employ'd our Time in making Paddles.

May 2d. About ten o'Clock this Morning we sat out with a good Breeze of Wind; and a little before Night, we rowed down about two Leagues below the Island of *Coudre*. But the Wind then proving contrary, we determin'd to go on Shore on the North Side of the River, but the Wind proving very high, we found it impossible; We then endeavour'd to make the South Shore, but the wind still increasing, that we dare not venture by reason of the Rocks; that we were oblig'd to lay in the River all Night expecting every Moment, our Canoe would overfet; for the Water came in so fast, by Reason of the Sea,

Sea, that two of us were oblig'd, to keep constantly bailing out Water all Night. But thank God about Day Light

May 3d, The Wind abated, and we paddled on Shore on the North Side of the River. When we got on Shore, we examined our Stores, and to our great Mortification, found them very much damnified, especially the Bread, which was occasioned by the Water that came into the Canoe. We built a Fire and dry'd ourselves (being very much chill'd with the Cold.) We made some Tea, and after having refresh'd ourselves, we found it very inconvenient to go any further that Day, by reason of the Wind being contrary.

4th. About Nine o'Clock this Morning we sat out, and paddled down the River about eight Leagues; and a little before Night we propos'd to go to the South Shore, imagining we were below all the Inhabitants on that Shore, but we found ourselves very much mistaken; for we soon discovered a Village, but *Clark* inform'd us that it was not inhabited. We then rowed on within about 200 Yards of the Shore, we then discovered a Birch Canoe with three Indians in it; they came within twenty Yards of us, and we paddled off as fast as we could for the other Shore: The Indians followed us a little Way, and then returned. But before we could make the North Shore, Night came on, and a very thick Fog, which oblig'd us to lay in the River all Night.

5th. About Break of Day we landed on the North Shore, made a small Fire and refresh'd ourselves; and then we sat out and went down the River about four Leagues; the Wind proving contrary, we put into a small Cove, went on Shore, and haul'd up our Canoe; We then sent out *Clark* and *Lakin* to kill some Ducks; but they return'd in about half an Hour, and informed us they had discovered a Smoak: We immediately rallied our small Company, and marched towards the Smoke; when we had got within a hundred Yards of the Fire, we

discovered two Indians (one of which was a Squaw) they discovered us and came and met us, taking us for Frenchmen; they could talk French, whereby we inform'd them they were mistaken in us, for we were Englishmen, and they were our Prisoners, and must go with us: We then march'd towards our Canoe; I took hold of the Indian and march'd forward; but before we march'd far, the Indian sprang from me with a Design to make his Escape; upon which *Clark* being the next behind me, shot him dead. I then gave Orders to *Denbo* to kill the Squaw, who immediately obeyed my Orders; We scalped each of them, and returned to our Canoe with the Provisions we found with them which was Satisfactory to us; There was about half a Bushel of Indian Corn, about thirty weight of dried Beaver, about 200 lb of Sugar and two Guns: After we got to our Canoe, we refreshed ourselves, and remained there all Night.

6th. This Morning about Ten o'Clock we sat out with a favourable Breeze of Wind, we paddled down about eight Leagues to the easterly End of Green-Island; but in our Passage, we ran into a most prodigious Whirlpool, and it was with the utmost Difficulty we escaped, for the space of an Hour we were hurled round like a Top, but after much Fatigue and Labour we were freed from the Danger. We then landed and encamp'd there.

7th, The Wind being contrary, obliged us to tarry all Day and sleep in the same Place.

8th. The Wind still continuing contrary, attended with a very great Rain and very Cold, we remained in the same Place, lying under our Canoe for Shelter.

9th. Very fine Weather. As soon as we arose we discovered a large Ship coming up the River, we immediately put our Fire out and went to mending our Canoe. After some Time we discovered a large two Mast-Boat, coming directly to the Place where we lay. This very

very much surprized us, for we imagined the Ship had discovered our Smoke, and were sending their Boat on Shore, either for a Pilot, or to know what was the Meaning of a Smoke on a desert Island: We got our arms and placed ourselves in Readiness to receive them; they ran up into a small Creek, whereupon we fired two Guns upon which they called for Quarters. We immediately marched down to the Boat, and found but Four in Number: We examined them very strictly, and they inform'd us they came from *St. Barnaby*. We then examined the Boat, and found to our great Joy, about forty Bushels of Wheat, a Barrel of Sturgeon, and about an hundred weight of Sugar: We hove out about one half of the Wheat, and put in our own Stores, and set Sail with a fair Wind, with our Canoe at the Stern. Our Prisoners informed us, we were then about fifteen Leagues above *St. Barnaby*.

We had not sailed far before we cut away our Canoe; we sailed about four Leagues, and it was perfectly Calm. We then set our Prisoners to rowing, and about three o'Clock in the Afternoon, we discovered eleven Topsail Vessels: We still kept on under the South Shore: Soon after there springing up a fine Breeze of Wind, and about Dark we discover'd the Isle of *Bic*: The Tide being contrary, our Prisoners advis'd us to drop Anchor till the Tide turn'd; accordingly we did: But we soon found ourselves in a very dangerous Situation; for by some Fires on Shore, which was not more than 200 Yards from us, we discover'd a Number of the Enemy, which our Prisoners suppos'd would discover us and rescue them; for afterwards they inform'd us they were a *French* Guard. We immediately weigh'd, and order'd our Prisoners to rowing. We pass'd the Isle of *Bic*; but in our Passage between the Isle of *Bic* and the South Shore, lay an armed Sloop, who hailed us; we ordered our Prisoners to answer them, that we were going

ing to *Ramaskee* (a Place so called,) which was about three Leagues below *St. Barnaby*. They ordered us to come too: We still kept on rowing, upon which they fired both Swivels and Small-Arms (the Tide being against us very strong) which gave the Enemy a very great Opportunity of firing at us; but by good Fortune no Person was hurt, but very wonderfully escaped. As soon as we passed the Island, the Wind proved very favourable to us, and the only Means of our Escape at last; for we discovered them in Pursuit of us with their Boat.

10th. About Sun-rise this Morning we arrived to the Isle *St. Barnaby*; we pass'd between the Island and a French Frigate which lay about two Miles from the Island; but as we passed her, she saluted us with about twelve Shot. We still kept on our Course, till we arriv'd at the River *Metis*, which is about ten Leagues below *St. Barnaby*: By this Time we were very much fatigu'd, not having slept one Moment since we took our Prize at *Green-Island*; and in Order to rest and refresh ourselves, we set our four Prisoners on Shore, gave them all their Wheat but four Bushels, gave them one Gun with some Powder and Shot; we water'd and refresh'd ourselves; and having a fine Breeze of Wind, we continued our Course all Night.

11th. We had a very fine Breeze of Wind, and this Day we passed *Mount Lewis*; at Evening we went in nigh Shore and water'd; we then mov'd a little from the Shore, and came to an Anchor, where we continued all Night.

12th. Very early this Morning we weigh'd Anchor, and set Sail with a fair Wind; after we had sail'd about thirteen Leagues, we attempted to Land on the Southern Shore, but the Wind was so high we dare not venture: we then sail'd about a League further, and came to a Cove, where we put in: we immediately saw a Boat on Shore, and a Smoke, which caus'd us to put back: we sail'd a-
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bout a League further, and came to another Cove, we put in there, and went ashore, where we tarried all Night.

13th. About Sun-rise this Morning we all embark'd, and being favour'd with a very fine Wind, we pass'd *Gasp*y into the Bay of *Shalure*, where we discovered a Sloop lying nigh the Shore; and upon Consultation, we resolv'd to board her. We then steer'd directly for her, Mr. *Clark* at the Helm, and I stood forward, with a Grappling, in order to grapple her; but the Tide proving so rapid, that it shot us by before we could bring along Side: We pass'd within about eight Yards of her, and discover'd no Person on board 'till we had pass'd her some Way. We then cross'd a small Cove, and the Wind turning contrary, oblig'd us to put into another; where we went on Shore and tarried the Night.

14th. About Noon we all embark'd, and sail'd about a Mile; but the Wind proving contrary, oblig'd us to return back.

15th. About Ten o'Clock this Morning we all embark'd, and sail'd about two Leagues; the Wind proving contrary, and so very strong that it drove us on Shore. This Misfortune almost put an End to our Voyage; for the Boat fill'd with Water, which wet our Provisions, Firelocks and Ammunition; but thank God we all got safe on Shore: We bail'd out the Water, and run her into a small Creek, examin'd our Stores, and found we had not more than two Days Provisions. We refresh'd our selves, and encamped there that Night.

16th. About Ten this Morning, having a favourable Breeze of Wind, we set Sail, and sail'd about eight Leagues, and put into Port *Daniel*; but among all our Disappointments and Misfortunes, our Scarcity of Provisions began to appear to be the worst; but Fortune this Day dissipated all former Hardships, and created new Spirits; for in our Passage we catch'd twenty-four fine Cod-Fish. We anchor'd and lay all Night a little from the Shore, after we had feasted.

17th.

17th. A very hard Rain and contrary Winds : This oblig'd us to go on Shore. We made ourselves a Tent with our Mainfail, to screen us from the Severity of the Weather. The Storm increased, and drove our Boat on Shore with such Force, that it drove in one Plank. By this Disaster we lost what little Wheat we had, and eight Cod ; our Condition was very deplorable, having a shatter'd Boat, and almost deficient of all Necessaries (except Fish).

18th. About Two o'Clock in the Afternoon, after a very tedious and severe Storm, it clear'd away ; we then examined our Boat, and endeavoured to haul her up to mend if possible ; we mov'd her but very little, and return'd to our Tent.

19th. Fair very fine Weather. As soon as the Tide permitted, we began to haul our Boat up ; we mov'd her but very little, but not so as to mend her : By this Time our Condition began to appear more & more gloomy, our Provisions almost exhausted, and our Boat entirely ruined— We then held a Consultation ; some were for going thro' the Woods to Fort-Cumberland, others were for staying ; for they apprehended it was impossible to go through the Woods. While we were thus debating, to our unspeakable Joy, we discovered a Schooner, and a Sloop standing towards us, which we took for two English Privateers : But our Expectations was soon at an End, for we discovered them to be *French*, they anchored about a League from us ; and we remained still in our old Camp.

20th. Fair fine Weather, this Morning *Lakin* and I took our Guns, and went out in order to discover the Strength of the Sloop and Schooner, and at the same Time to discover if it was possible to go by Land. We returned and tho't it was, according to Appearance, intirely impossible ; for the Snow in some Places was four Feet in Depth : But as soon as the Tide permitted, we began again on our Canoe, mended her as well as we possibly could,

could, and then returned to our Lodging. In the Morning the two Vessels were gone intirely out of Sight.

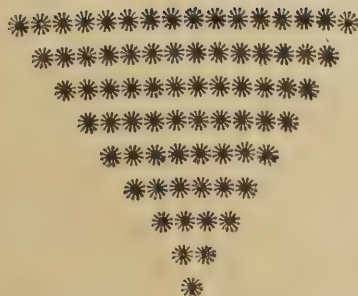
21st. Fair pleasant Weather. As soon as the Tide permitted, *Clark* began upon the Boat, to see if any Thing more could be done to her; in the mean Time *Lakin* and *Denbo* went out aGunning, and returned with two Partridges. Soon after, we discovered the two Vessels returning: we then launched our Boat, which the Sloop discovered; upon which she sent off a Birch Canoe: I fired a Gun to let them understand we were Friends. I took with me *Lakin* and *Denbo*, and concealed ourselves in the Bushes, where we expected they would land, but before they landed, Captain *Stobo* came to us; as soon as they landed (being three in Number) Capt. *Stobo* immediately told them they were our Prisoners, upon which they surrendered themselves. We then examined them very strictly relative to the Strength and Number of Hands on Board the two Vessels. They informed us, there was then on board Four in each Vessel. We then held a Consultation, and resolved at Night to board them. In pursuance thereof, about Ten o'Clock in the Evening, we bound two of the Prisoners and left them under the Care of a Female Guard; the other Prisoner we took for a Pilot, and set out; but our Boat was so leaky that two Hands were oblig'd to keep constantly bailing out Water: *Clark* stood at the Helm, and I at the Bow, with a Grapling; Captain *Stobo* was plac'd in the Middle of the Boat, with a Gun, Pistol and Cutlafs, in Order to board the Schooner first. Thus having prepared ourselves, we sat out, and about one o'Clock in the Morning we came along Side of her; as soon as I grappled her, I jump'd on Board, and found they were all asleep, I ran to the Companion Doors, upon which I heard somebody coming out of the Steerage; he immediately call'd for Quarters, which I readily granted. *Clark* was the next Person that came on Deck, who immediately

mediately ran and took the Candle out of the Binnacle. It was Capt. *Stobo's* Misfortune getting upon Deck to get hung in the Shrouds, with the Loss of his Cutlass and Pistol; but as he came upon Deck, one of the Enemy was coming out of the Steerage (whom I had given Quarters to) which he immediately shot thro'; *Clark* run down into the Cabin, upon which, with Capt. *Stobo's* Courage in killing the poor Prisoner, the Captain of the Vessel call'd for Quarters. I hope the Reader will excuse my being so very particular in this Affair, as Capt. *Stobo* has reported he was the first that boarded the Schooner, and the only Instrument in taking her.—After we had secur'd our Prisoners, we weigh'd Anchor and sail'd along Side of the Sloop, and ordered them to come on Board; they refus'd, upon which we fir'd about twenty Small Arms at her; they then call'd for Quarters, and came on board: we confin'd them all in the Hold, except the two Masters. I took the Master of the Sloop, *Clark* and *Denbo*, and went on board; we found six Small Arms, one Swivel Gun, and five Days Provision for five Men: I took out the above Articles and then set her on Fire; I then return'd on board the Schooner. We then sail'd to our old Camp, sent the Boat on Shore, and bro't off our Women and Prisoners, and what small Quantity of Provisions we had left. We set sail, and after we had sail'd about five Leagues, we put on Shore six of our Prisoners: We gave them three Days Provisions, one Gun, and some Ammunition. We kept on board the two Masters, with three Prisoners more, whom we ordered to carry the Vessel to *St. John's* Island, where we all safe arrived (thank GOD) May 27th, 1759.

The Commandant at *St. John's* treated us very courteously, and when we departed, he ordered a Serjeant and twelve Privates to guard us in our Schooner to *Louisbourg*, where we arrived the Sixth Day of June. The *Govr* only treated us with very great Complaisance, as did all

all the Gentlemen of the Place. And upon the General's Order, I immediately went up the River, and join'd the Army under General *WOLFE*, where I continued 'till the Surrender of *Quebec*, which was on the 18th of *September*, 1759; and then had Liberty to return Home.

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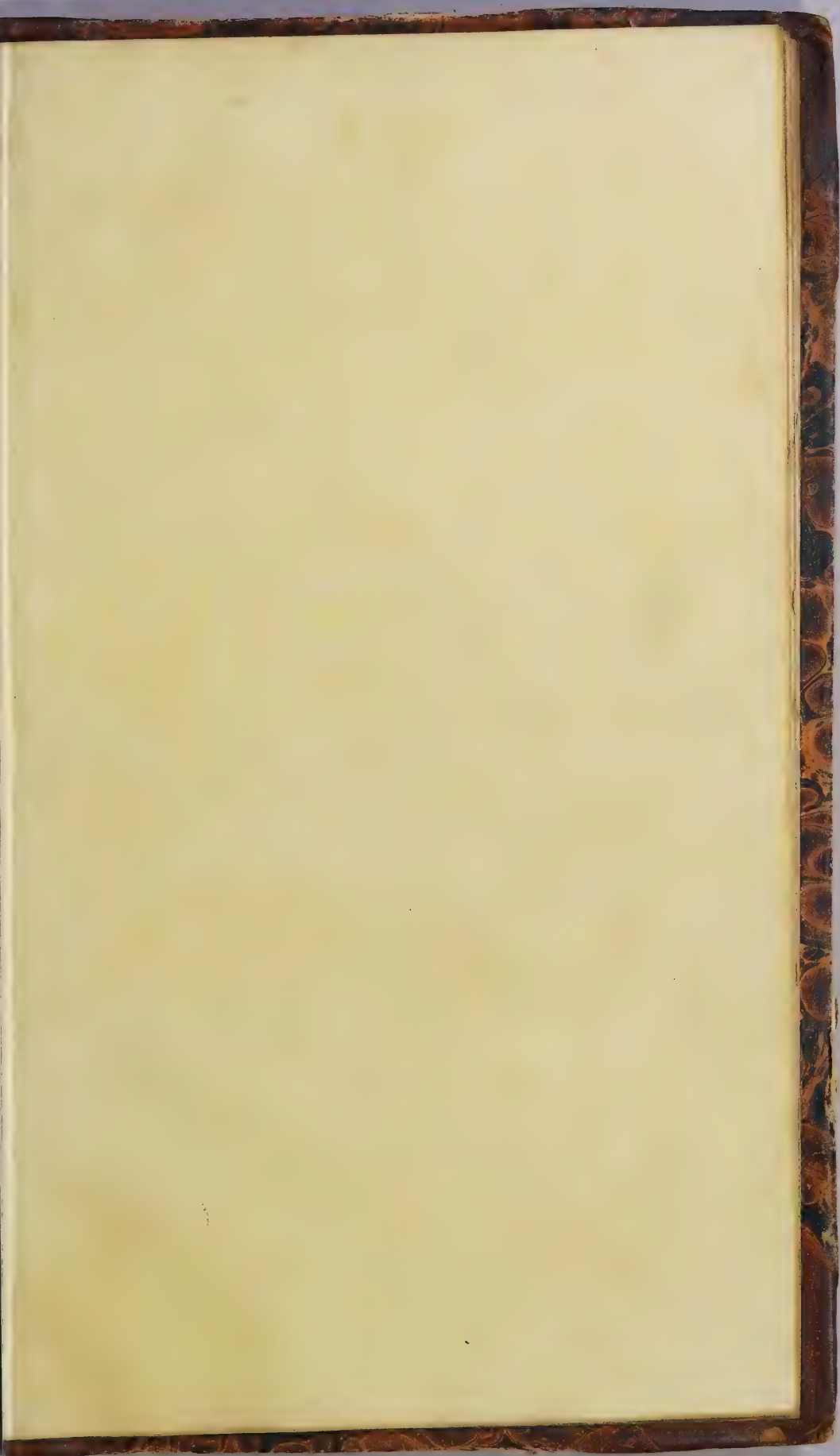


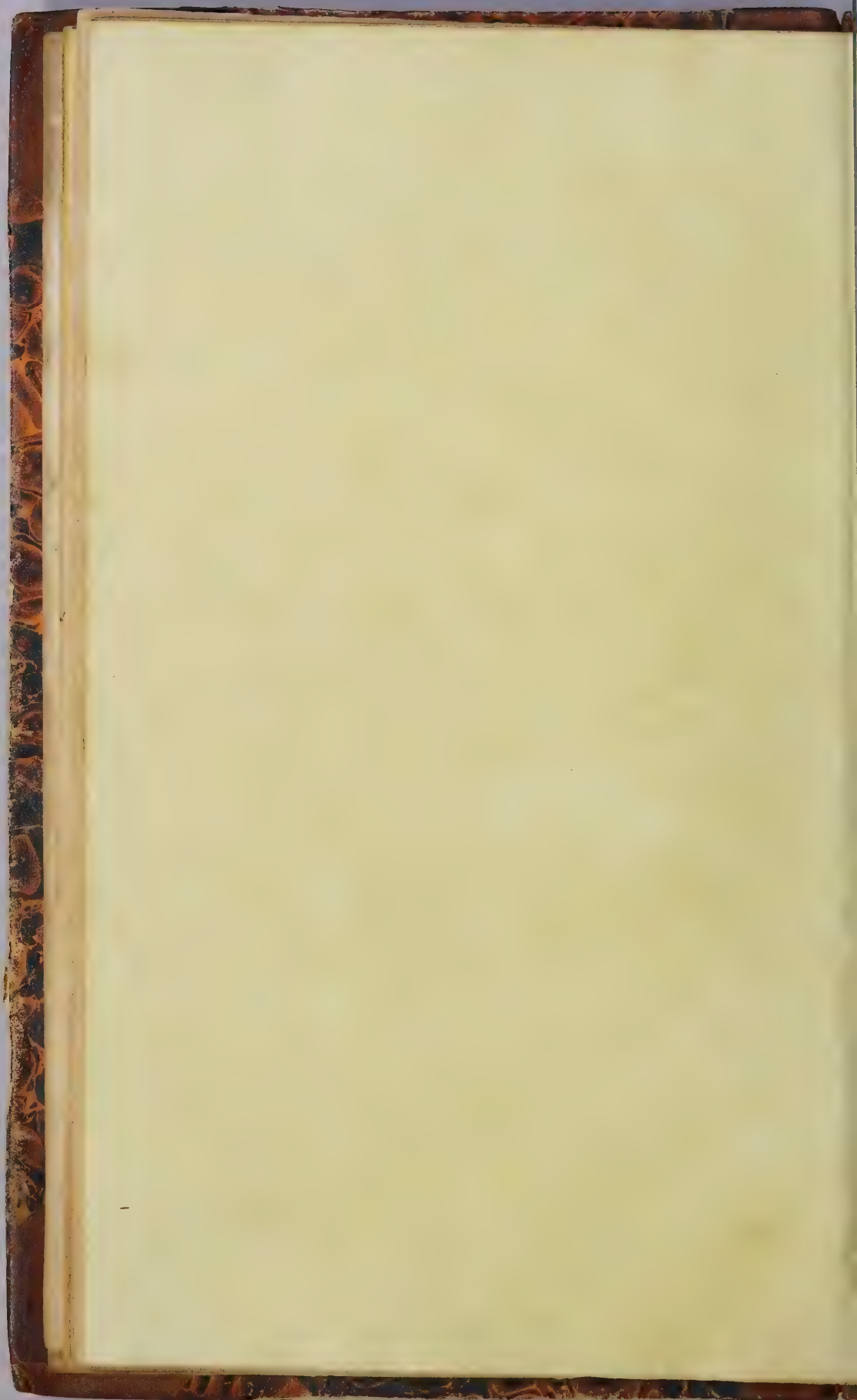
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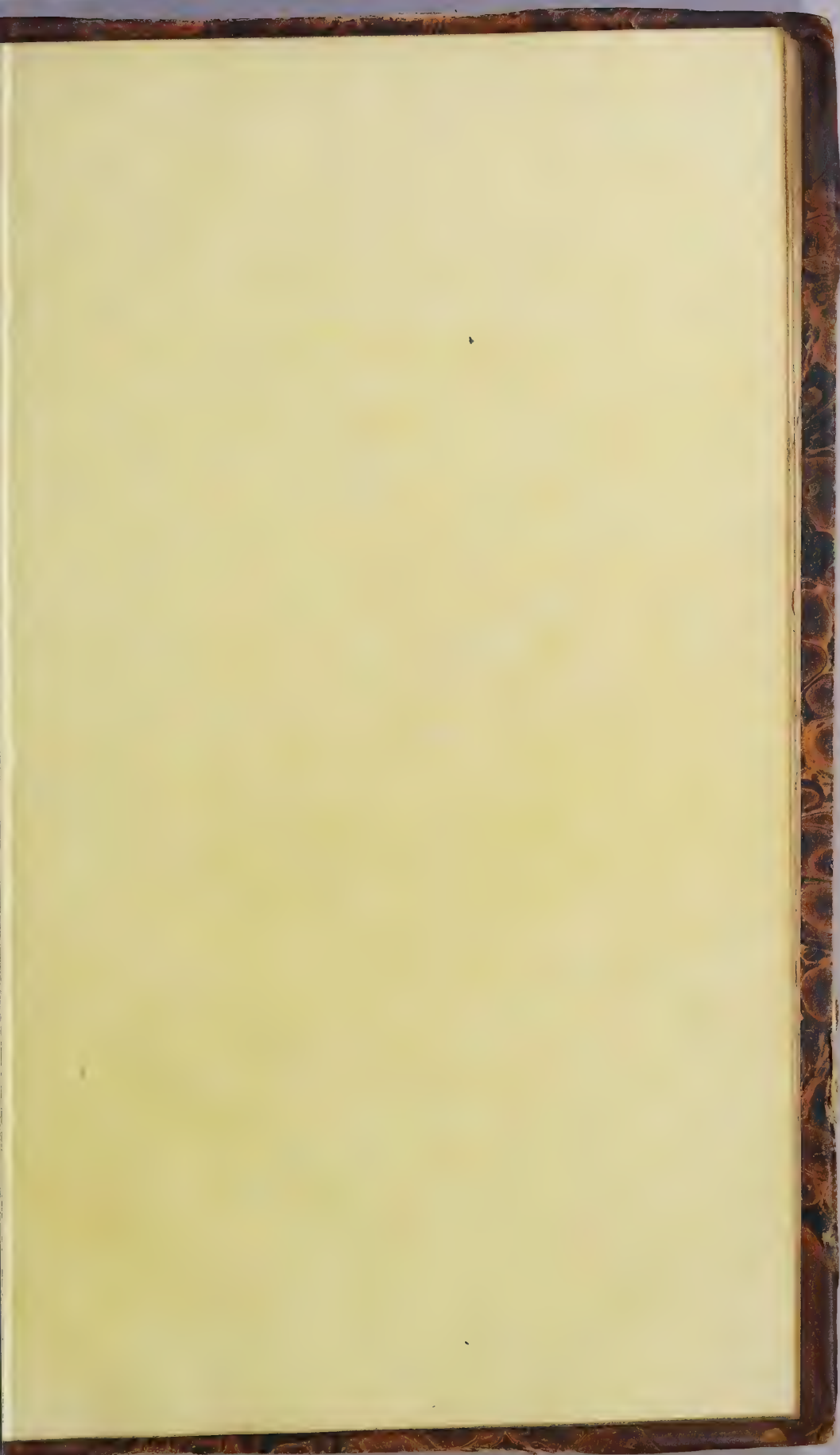
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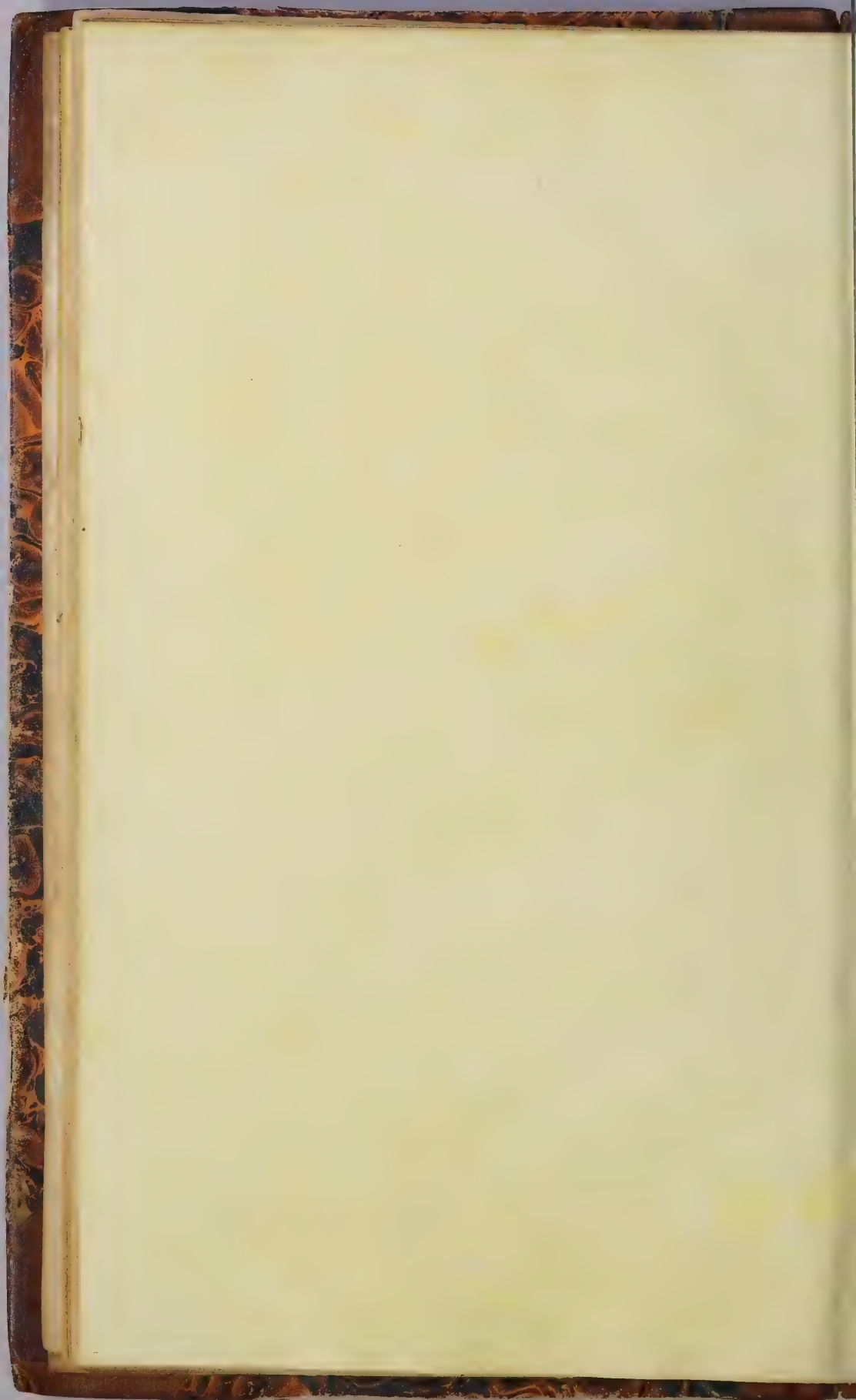
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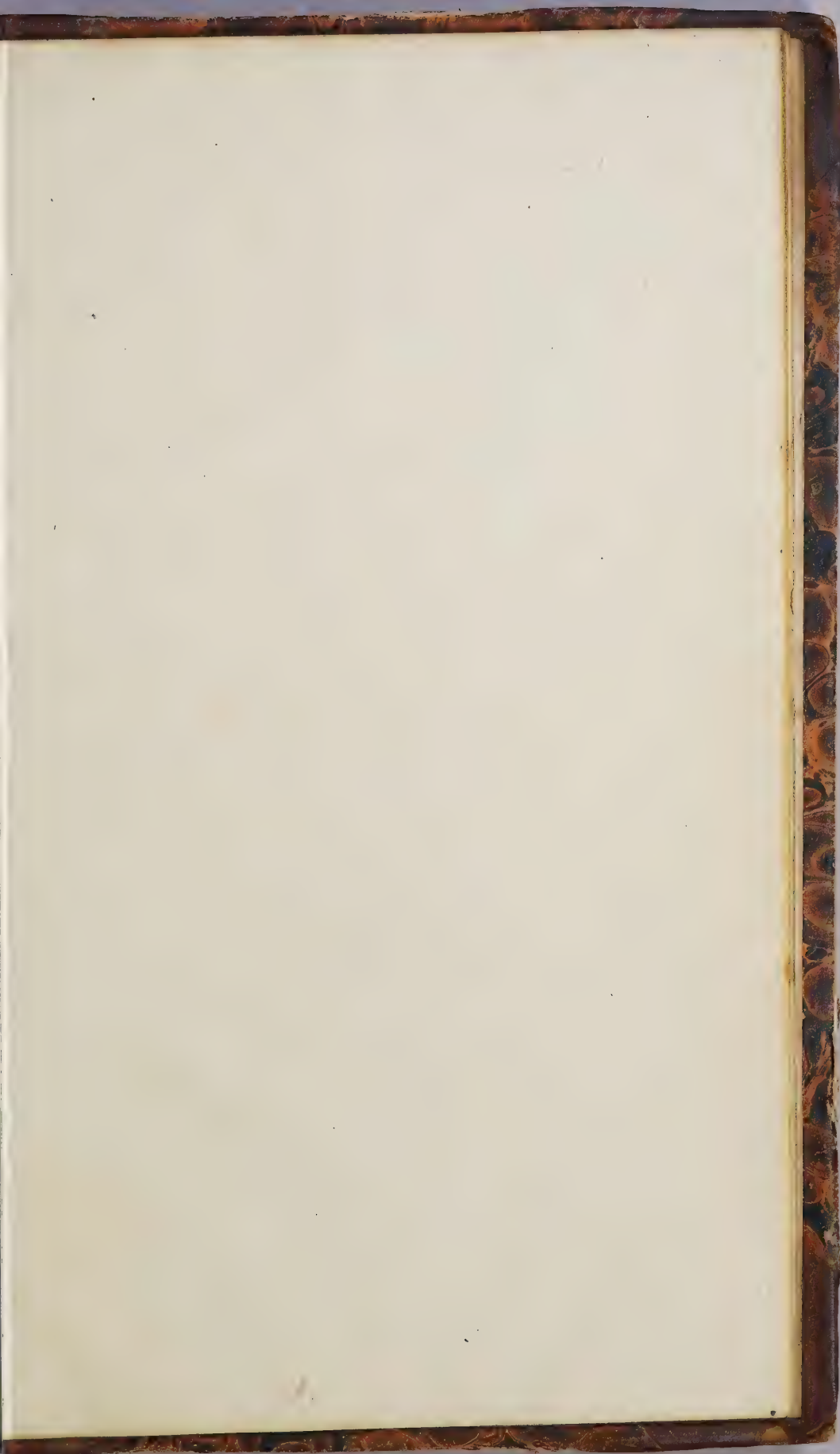
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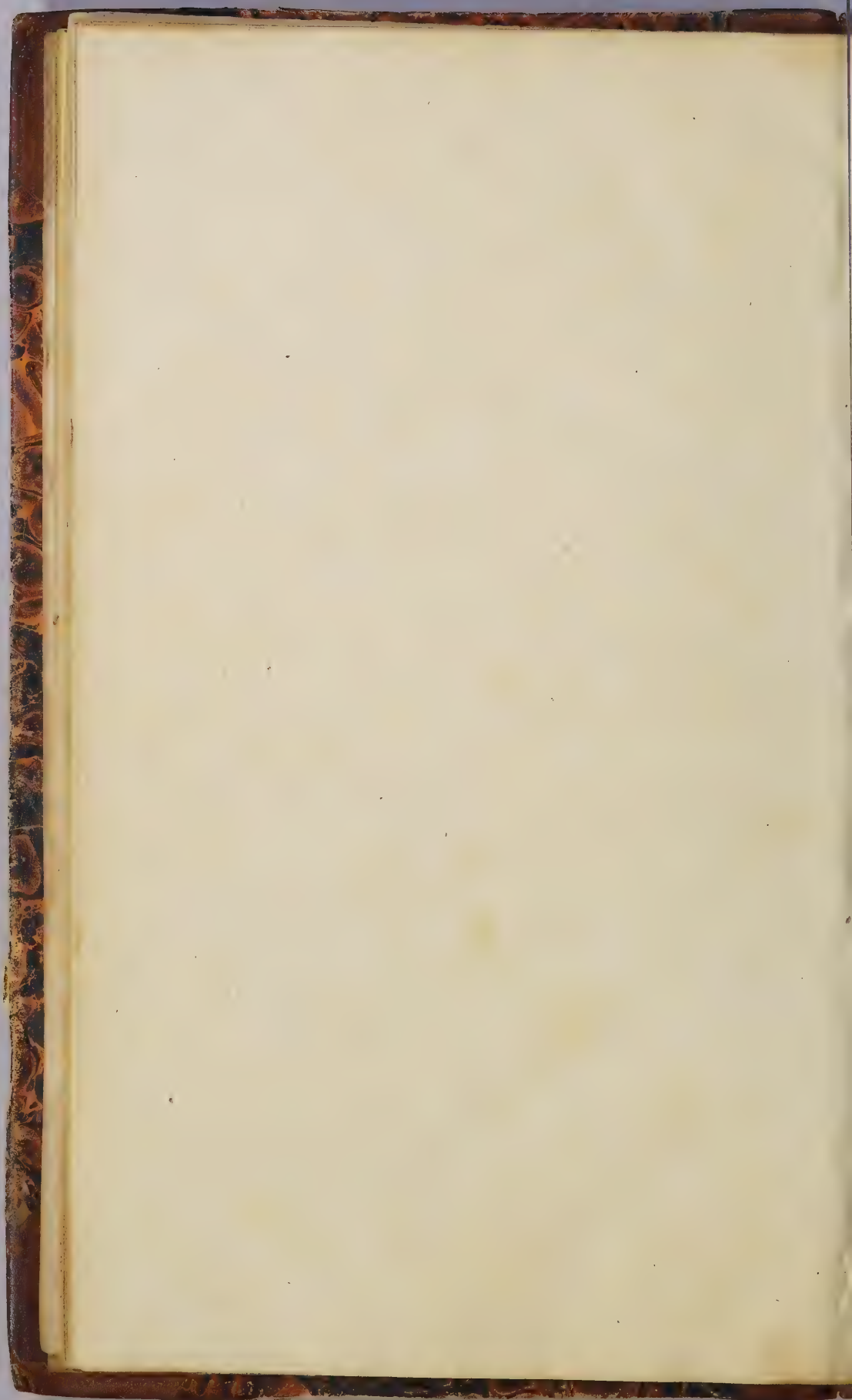


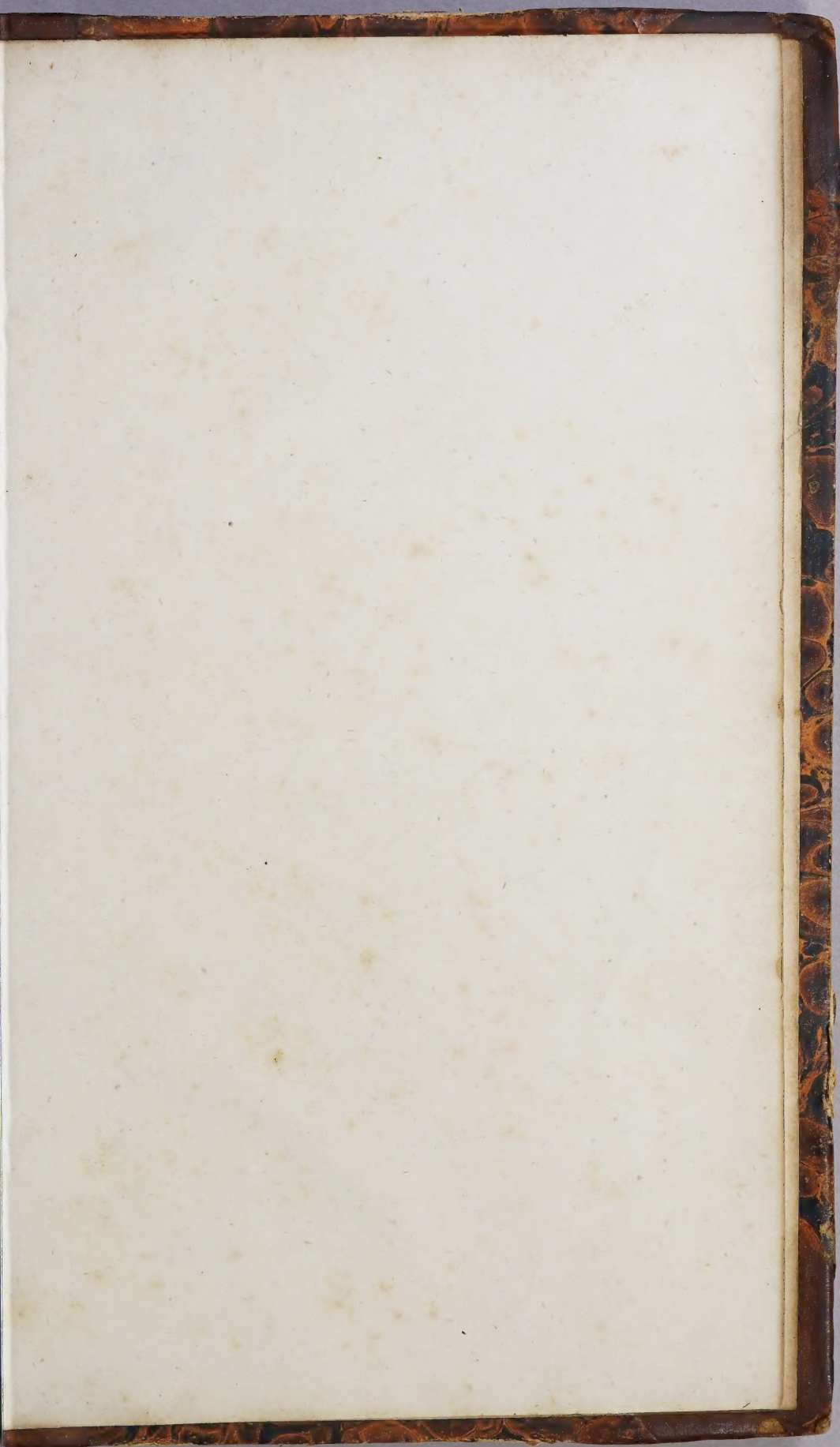












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